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SUBJ: PANELIST FOR EAST-WEST TRADE SEMINAR IN ANTWERP ON MAY 6.

1. AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN BELGIUM SPONSORING EAST-WEST TRADE SEMINAR AT ANTWERP ON MAY 6. PURPOSE OF SEMINAR IS TO INCREASE US EXPORTS TO EAST BLOC THROUGH STIMULATION OF INTEREST AMONG THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF U.S. SUBSIDIARIES AND U.S. REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS LOCATED IN BELGIUM. CONGEN HELPING LOCATE GOOD PANELISTS.

2. PLAN IS TO HAVE PANELISTS WITH INSIGHTS INTO VARIOUS ASPECTS EAST-WEST TRADE SUCH AS GOVERNMENT, BANKING, LEGAL, TRADING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. HOPE ALSO TO INCLUDE "EASTERN EUROPEAN VIEW" WITH ONE PANELIST FROM ONE OF EAST BLOC TRADE MISSIONS IN BRUSSELS. U.S. GOVT. WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVE WILL BE PRESENTED BY DR. POMPILIU VERZARIU OF USDOC/BEWT.

3. WE SHOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE "FIELD" VIEWPOINT REPRESENTED ON PANEL AND THOUGHT FIRST OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM U.S. COMMERCIAL OFFICE, MOSCOW. CAN SOMEONE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AMCHAM DESPITE FACT NO FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COVER TRAVEL OR PER DIEM? TASK WOULD BE TO SPEAK FOR LESS THAN TEN MINUTES AND THEN TO SHARE THE FIELDING OF QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION. PRESS COVERAGE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS LIKELY BUT NOT BEING SOUGHT. HEIMANN

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